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Location: 7963 Georgia Street, Hill Air Force Base, Layton Vicinity, Davis County, Utah

UTM: 12-414320-4553740

Date of Construction: 1921

Architect: Unknown

Builder: W. M. Sutherland Building and Contracting Company

Present Owner: Hill Air Force Base

Present Use: Housing

Significance: Building 1118, one of the oldest buildings on Hill Air Force Base, was part of the earliest arsenal construction. It renders a unique picture of residential life for bachelor officers at Ogden Arsenal during the 1920s and 1930s and contributes to an understanding of the hierarchy among military workers. In addition, this building provides a view of the early administrative processes at Ogden Arsenal.

History: From its construction in 1921 until the completion of Building 1102 (Administration Building) in 1943, this elegant structure served as both Arsenal Headquarters and housing for bachelor officers. The officers who lived in Building 1118 supervised the primary mission of Ogden Arsenal during this period: the storage of left-over and obsolete ammunition from World War. Due to the rapid expansion of Ogden Arsenal on the eve of and during World War II, the administrative needs of the Arsenal had grown beyond the capacity of this small building.

Building 1118 is commonly referred to as the Hobson House, named for the late General Kenneth B. Hobson, former Commander of the Ogden Air Logistics Center. It was the first building erected in the prestigious Generals' Loop area and established the architectural style seen in the 1939 Officers' Quarters nearby.

General

Description: Building 1118 is located on the northeast corner of a common formal lawn, and its front entrance faces directly onto Georgia Avenue. The house's massing consists of two parts: the original two-story (north) portion and a two-story, 1939 addition to the south (rear). A pediment caps the protruding central bay. Its red brick walls are laid in nine-course American bond, with brick quoins at the corners. A three-course, brick band wraps entirely around the house, which is covered with a hip roof. The slight overhang of the roof, with its unadorned round wood molding, eases the transition from roof to wall.

A Colonial Revival porch, with a simple entablature and transom light, mark the entrance. The entablature is supported by unfluted columns with doric capitals. Except for a chimney addition to the west of the entry, the facade is arranged symmetrically about the doorway. Located on either side of the doorway are two wooden eight-over-twelve double-hung windows with flat arch lintels. The second story has three windows of the same type and configuration.

In 1939, a two-story, 1,965 square-foot addition was built to the south. The addition contains a hip roof and windows that match the original 1921 fenestration. A covered basement stairwell is located on the west wall of this addition. Major remodelling of the house occurred in both 1962 and 1982.